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Government Press

Alleged dismissal of employees in the Government Press for trivial faults.

* 237 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Superintendent of the Government Press has made a statement to Government that fines are enforced when such cases justify, such as spoiling work, delay, loss of manuscripts, making a disturbance in the department, cheating, bad conduct, etc.; and

(b) whether, on the other hand, he has been summarily dismissing from service poor employees for trivial or no fault and, if so, why?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government have no reason to suppose that men have been dismissed without cause.

Alleged dismissal of Purushottaman in the Government Press for irregular attendance.

* 238 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Kuppu Rao and Ramachandran, readers in the Government Press, were served with one month's notice for irregular attendance;

(b) whether their notices were cancelled later on and they were retained in service;

(c) whether the services of a temporary reader, one Purushottaman, were on the other hand dispensed with for similar reasons, viz., irregular attendance; and

(d) if so, for what particular reasons?

A.—(a) & (b) No, only Kuppu Rao was given notice. The notice was subsequently cancelled and his services were re-engaged.

(c) Yes.

(d) His attendance continued to be irregular.

Sale of unserviceable machines in the Government Press.

* 239 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Superintendent, Government Press, sold some of the unserviceable machines in the Government Press to particular individuals instead of by auction; and

(b) if so, how many were thus sold and for what price since Mr. Gilbert became Superintendent and why?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Thirteen machines were sold for a sum of Rs. 6,557.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, why these unserviceable machines were sold to particular individuals instead of being auctioned publicly?"